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Serial No.:	10/088,049	Group Art Unit:	1651
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Title:	<u>METHOD FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY OF TANK SYSTEM</u>		

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an office action from the Chinese Patent Office mailed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. This statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a Chinese patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a Chinese patent office in a

counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no patent term adjustment is due for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

The reference states at page 3, lines 11-16:

“The carboxylic acids of the invention are exclusively ecologically compatible and completely degradable carboxylic acids which in the ecological system ‘water’ may be degraded relatively fast, i.e. according to the conditions within hours to a few days and leave behind sodium hydrogen carbonate only and therefore completely lead to the desired calcium- and/or magnesium hydrogen carbonate, respectively sodium-hydrogen carbonate.”

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-326-0330 to resolve any outstanding issues following entry of the present amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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